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1. IF QUERIED, POSTS CAN CONFIRM THAT SEVERAL AMERICAN ATHLETIC TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN SA GAMES ON PRIVATE BASIS AT INVITATION AND EXPENSE CERTAIN SA SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS. TEAMS NOT RPT NOT US NATIONAL TEAMS AS SUCH AND US GOVERNMENT NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THEIR SELECTION OR PARTICIPATION.

2. FOLLOWING, TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, IS COMPLETE LIST AMERICAN TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN SA GAMES:

A. 10- MAN BASKETBALL TEAM (7 WHITES, 3 BLACKS) FROM UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN FLORIDA INVITED BY SA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION.

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B. 4 ARCHERS (2 MEN, 2 WOMEN) INCLUDING 1972 OLYMPIC CHAMPION AND WORLD RECORD HOLDER JOHN WILLIAMS (CURRENTLY A PRIVATE IN US ARMY; HIS PARTICIPATION CLEARED WITH DEPARTMENT).

C. 2 MEMBERS OF AMERICAN WATER- SKIING ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATING AS INVITEES OF SA WATER- SKIING ASSOCIATION, (PLUS 1 OR TWO ADDITIONAL WATER SKIERS GOING AT OWN EXPENSE).

D. 2 MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LAWN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATING AS INVITEES SA LAWN BOWLERS ASSOCIATION.

E. 2 MEMBERS GYMNASTIC FEDERATION OF US (BOTH WOMEN) PARTICIPATING AS INVITEES SA GYMNASTIC ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAD HOPED HAVE AMERICAN TEAM CONSIST OF 2 MEN, 2 WOMEN.

3. POSTS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT STAN WRIGHT, 1972 U. S. OLYMPIC TRACK COACH, WILL BE ATTENDING SA GAMES AS REPRESENTATIVE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION. WRIGHT, WHO IS BLACK, WAS INVITED BY SA AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

4. SA SMALL BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION, THROUGH SA EMBASSY, EXTENDED INVITATION TO AMERICAN SMALL BORE RIFLE TEAM, CONSISTING OF THREE U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, PARTICIPATE IN SA GAMES. DEPARTMENT REPLYING THEY WILL BE UNABLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INVITATION.

5. POSTS SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT AMCIT DR. HAROLD HENNING, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION AMATEUR (FINA) WILL BE VISITING SA SOON AS HEAD THREE-MAN FINA COMMISSION (OTHER TWO MEMBERS NOT RPT NOT AMCITS) WHICH WILL INVESTIGATE EAST GERMAN AND SOVIET CHARGES THAT SA SWIMMING IS RACIALLY SEGREGATED.

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